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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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DEBORAH DONOGHUE,

Plaintiff,

-against-

bluebird bio , Inc.

Defendant.

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PLAINTIFF, by DAVID LOPEZ, ESQ., her attorney, complaining of the defendant,  
alleges as follows:

**JURISDICTION**

1. Jurisdiction over this action is conferred upon the court as a procedural incident

of the provisions of Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 78p(b) and Section 78aa, and other relevant sections of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. This action is not a collusive one intended to confer jurisdiction of a cause upon a court of the United States over which it would not otherwise have cognizance.

### **VENUE**

2. Upon information and belief, and at all times hereinafter mentioned, bluebird bio, Inc. ("BLUEBIRD") was and is a Delaware corporation with principal offices at 150 Second Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141.

3. Upon information and belief, at all times hereinafter mentioned, the defendant's issued and outstanding shares of common stock were registered under Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and were not exempted securities thereunder. The common stock of BLUEBIRD is traded on the NASDAQ GLOBAL SELECT MARKET through market makers and facilities located in the State of New York.

4. Services giving rise to the recovery to be recited herein were rendered in whole or in part within the Eastern District of New York.

### **THE PARTIES**

5. At all times hereinafter mentioned, the plaintiff, DEBORAH DONOGHUE, was and is an owner of common stock of the defendant.

6. At all times hereinafter mentioned the plaintiff's attorney, DAVID LOPEZ, ESQ., was and is an attorney engaged in the practice of law within this district.

7. Upon information and belief at all times hereinafter mentioned NICK LESCHLY was an "insider" of BLUEBIRD, to wit: its president, CEO and a director.

**OPERATIVE FACTS**

8. NICK LESCHLY purchased 9,682 shares of BLUEBIRD common stock on December 8, 2015.

9. NICK LESCHLY sold larger numbers of shares of BLUEBIRD common stock within six months, particularly on August 7, 2015, and on December 8, 2015.

10. The aforesaid sales were at prices higher than the aforesaid purchases. NICK LESCHLY realized profits through his pecuniary interest in such shares and in such transactions of \$931,125.00, more or less, which profits were subject to recovery by BLUEBIRD under the provisions of Section 16(b) of the Act.

11. Upon information and belief NICK LESCHLY failed to pay over such profits to BLUEBIRD except as hereinafter described. NICK LESCHLY and BLUEBIRD were ignorant of their respective obligations and rights prior to the intervention of plaintiff and of her counsel.

12. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 the plaintiff, DEBORAH DONOGHUE, as a stockholder of BLUEBIRD was authorized and empowered to investigate and to identify all transactions effected in its equity securities by officers, directors and more-than-10% shareholders of BLUEBIRD for the purpose of determining whether any such transactions came within the purview of the statute; for the purpose of requesting the defendant to commence suit against any of its officers, directors or more-than-10% shareholders to seek recovery of any profits which they might have realized from their illegal retention of profits derived from trading in the defendant's equity securities; and for the purpose of commencing suit against any such officers, directors or more-than-10% shareholders in the name and on behalf of the defendant to recover the short-swing profits

realized by any of them in the event the defendant failed or refused to institute such action or failed diligently to prosecute such suit thereafter.

13. Acting under the right and authority granted to her by the statute as aforesaid the plaintiff, DEBORAH DONOGHUE, retained the legal services of DAVID LOPEZ, ESQ. in a derivative capacity on behalf of the defendant herein to investigate the transactions effected in the defendant's securities by its officers, directors and more-than-10% shareholders to determine whether any of such transactions came within the purview of the statute; to determine and calculate the profits, if any, realized by such officers or directors or more-than-10% shareholders and the nature and extent of their statutory liability; to make proper statutory demand on the defendant requesting that it institute suit against any of its officers, directors or more-than-10% shareholders for the recovery of such statutory profits; to furnish the defendant with information as might be necessary or proper for the commencement and prosecution of such action; and to prepare all pleadings, proofs and papers necessary or proper for the commencement of such suit in the event the defendant failed or refused to institute such action or failed diligently to prosecute the same thereafter.

14. The plaintiff, DEBORAH DONOGHUE, agreed to pay a fair and reasonable counsel fee to DAVID LOPEZ, ESQ. for his legal services rendered, contingent upon any benefits which the defendant might derive therefrom and contingent upon the defendant's reimbursing the plaintiff in the amount of such legal fee so incurred.

15. The law firm of DAVID LOPEZ, ESQ. undertook to perform all legal services required pursuant to the aforesaid contingent retainer and after making a complete and exhaustive investigation into the law applicable thereto and after ascertaining that the transactions of NICK LESCHLY in the defendant's securities had been made in violation of

Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and after computing and determining that NICK LESCHLY had realized profits which were recoverable by BLUEBIRD in accordance with the applicable provisions of the statute aforesaid plaintiff, through her attorney, on December 9, 2015, made written demand, delivered the same day, upon the board of directors of BLUEBIRD that it act to recovery all short-swing trading profits of NICK LESCHLY through his trading in shares of BLUEBIRD during periods of less than six months while an officer and director thereof.

16. Solely in response to plaintiff's demands, legal research and analysis, BLUEBIRD collected \$931,125.00 from NICK LESCHLY.

17. Plaintiff's counsel has requested of BLUEBIRD a legal fee of \$232,781.25, or roughly 25% of the benefit received by BLUEBIRD through his services. BLUEBIRD, has refused countering with minuscule offers privileged from disclosure herein.

18. Upon information and belief, by reason of its receipt and acceptance of the legal services rendered and communicated to the defendant by plaintiff's attorney, DAVID LOPEZ, ESQ., and the defendant's subsequent actions taken pursuant thereto, the defendant ratified and confirmed the right and authority granted by the statute to plaintiff, DEBORAH DONOGHUE, and to her attorney, DAVID LOPEZ, ESQ., to render the aforesaid services for and on behalf of the defendant.

19. Upon information and belief, the defendant has knowingly received, accepted and retained the benefits of the services rendered by plaintiff's attorney, DAVID LOPEZ, ESQ., and has realized a gain or benefit in the amount of \$931,125.00, more or less, which it would not otherwise have realized but for such services.

20. Plaintiff, DEBORAH DONOGHUE, is entitled to recover from the defendant a fair

and reasonable fee for her attorney for services contingently undertaken and incurred in performing those services and in taking the steps which resulted in the creation of a fund for defendant's benefit in the amount of \$931,125.00. Plaintiff seeks no personal benefit but brings this action to recover the expenses contingently incurred by her in an amount of the reasonable value of the legal services rendered by her attorney, DAVID LOPEZ, ESQ., and solely for the purpose of paying for those services.

21. Upon information and belief, and in view of the amount of benefit conferred upon the defendant, the fair and reasonable value of the legal services rendered by plaintiff's attorney, DAVID LOPEZ, ESQ., in this matter is \$232,781.25.

**WHEREFORE**, plaintiff demands:

1. A determination and declaration of the fair and reasonable amount due to plaintiff as payment for her legal fees.
2. Judgment against the defendant in the amount of \$232,781.25 inclusive of out-of-pocket disbursements, together with the costs of this action.
3. Such other, further and/or different relief as the court may deem just and proper.

Dated: Southampton, New York  
January 14, 2015

Law Offices of DAVID LOPEZ, ESQ.

By:   
DAVID LOPEZ, ESQ.